

# ASTHMA

## Did a doctor ever tell you that you had asthma?

- In 2004, 13 percent of adult Montanans reported that they had ever been told that they had asthma.
- There was little difference between males and females in the prevalence of ever having been told they had asthma.
- Examination of estimates by age, educational attainment, household income level, racial category and location of residence within the five health planning regions revealed few differences among these subgroups.
- One in five adults with disability (21%) reported ever being told they had asthma while one in ten adults without disability reported the same (11%), a significant difference.

## Do you currently have asthma?

- In 2004, the prevalence of adults who currently had asthma was estimated to be nine percent.
- Almost twice as many adults with incomes less than \$15,000 (13%) than adults whose household incomes were \$50,000 or more per year ( $\leq 7\%$ ) had current asthma.
- Over twice as many adults with disability (15%) reported currently having asthma compared to adults without disability (7%).

*Note: Current asthma is defined as having answered "yes" to: "Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have asthma?" and "Do you still have asthma?" The denominator includes all respondents, excluding those who either "refused" to answer one or more of the asthma questions or responded "don't know/not sure."*

### [Table 6. Asthma, Montana Adults, 2004]

### [Figure 6. Prevalence of Asthma by Income, Montana Adults, 2004]

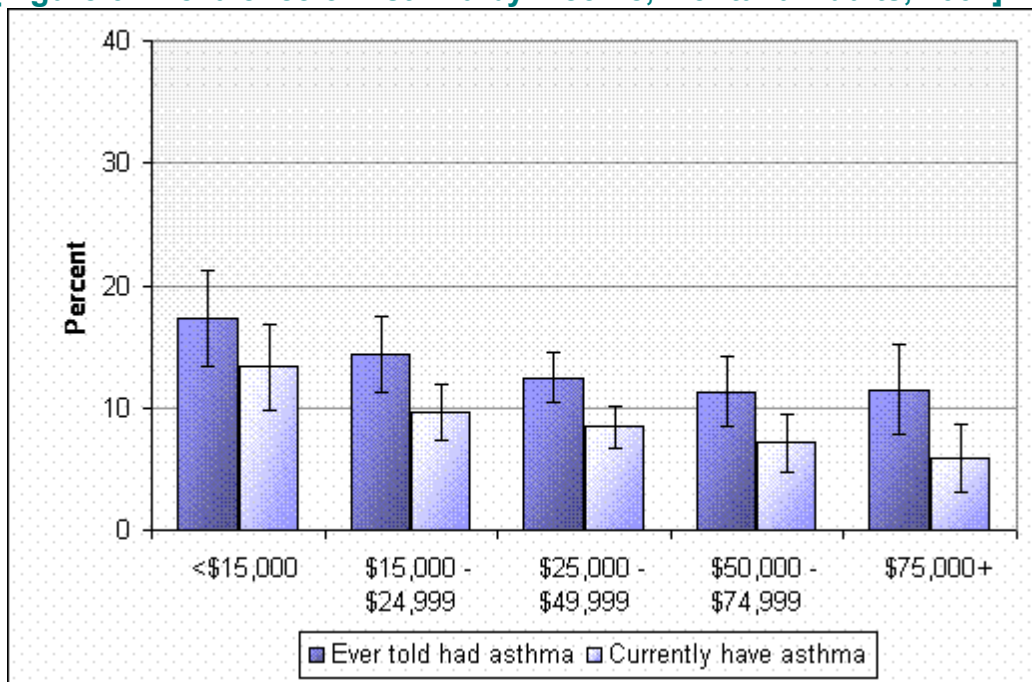


Figure 6. Prevalence of Asthma by Income, Montana Adults, 2004.